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Franks (hotdog) Recall Issued in Idaho for Possible Listeria Contamination

Gold Star Sausage Company of Denver has announced that it is recalling the following products due to possible contamination from *Listeria monocytogenes*.

- One-pound packages of "MAVERICK RANCH BEEF FRANKS, 6 SKINLESS FRANKS." Packages bear a "sell-by" date of 2/14/07, 2/21/07, or 2/28/07.
- One-pound packages of "MAVERICK RANCH BUFFALO FRANKS, 6 SKINLESS FRANKS." Packages bear a "sell-by" date of 12/27/06, 1/3/07, 1/10/07, 2/14/07, 2/21/07, or 2/28/07.
- Five-pound packages of "BEEF FRANKS, PRODUCT CODE MF55-0606-15." These products were packaged on 12/09/06.

Each package bears the establishment number "EST. 1106" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were distributed to retail stores in Idaho and several other states.

The products may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a bacterium that can produce Listeriosis. Listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. An infection presents significant concerns for people with weakened immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy. Listeriosis also can cause miscarriages and stillbirths.

People at risk for Listeriosis are reminded that hot dogs, luncheon meats and other deli meats should not be eaten unless the products are reheated until they are steaming hot. Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact company President Rick Rue at (303) 295-6400 ext. 302.

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(Editors: For an interview or additional information contact Patrick Guzzle in Boise at (208) 334-5936)